

Following a Work Session meeting, the Regular Session was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Ferguson with Councilmembers Simillion, Stone, Smits and Duba present along with City Attorney Landwehr, City Manager Collins, City Clerk Davidson, Finance Director Hanson, Parks & Recreation Director Ampietro, Community Development Director Westbay, City Planner Antonucci, WSC Intern Johnston, many interested citizens and the press.

Mayor Ferguson asked Council if he could amend the order of the agenda and move Resolution No. 4, Series 2004, Re: Trinidad White, to the top of the agenda. Council had no objection.

Resolution No. 4, Series 2004; Re: Trinidad White.

Councilmember Stone introduced Resolution No. 4, Series 2004, and it was read in its entirety by the Mayor.

Councilmember Stone moved and Councilmember Simillion seconded the motion that Resolution No. 4, Series 2004, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, RECOGNIZING THE LATE TRINIDAD WHITE FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF GUNNISON**, be read, passed and adopted this 28th day of September 2004.

Mayor Ferguson had the privilege of working with Mr. White and he is pleased to be a part of this Resolution. Councilmember Stone echoed those remarks and extended Council's sympathies to Mr. White's family.

Donald White, representing the family, thanked Council for the Resolution and stated his father would have been honored and would have thanked each Councilmember.

Roll call vote, yes: Simillion, Stone, Ferguson, Smits, Duba. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Consideration of Minutes:

Regular Session Minutes of September 14, 2004.

Councilmember Duba moved and Councilmember Simillion seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of September 14, 2004, as submitted.

Roll call vote, yes: Stone, Ferguson, Smits, Duba, Simillion. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Pre-Scheduled Citizens:

2004-2005 Youth City Council Candidates. None of the students were in attendance.

Councilmember Smits moved and Councilmember Stone seconded the motion to appoint the students listed in the memo from City Clerk Davidson, dated September 22, 2004, to the 2004-2005 Youth City Council.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Smits, Duba, Simillion, Stone. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Gunnison Valley Community Alliance. T.L. Livermore, Chair of the Gunnison Valley Community Alliance (GVCA) addressed Council. GVCA concerns are: protecting economic viability of locally-owned businesses, and insuring responsible growth that is accountable to the citizens of the valley. GVCA has over three hundred members. GVCA is concerned about: the proposed Wal-Mart superstore; using other communities' economic analysis to compare the impact of such a store on Gunnison; and they are offering to share their research and findings on these issues with the City. Richard Karas, county resident and GVCA member, spoke on the economic impact study conducted in Windsor, Colorado.

Council and GVCA members discussed continuing education, a potential economic analysis of the affect a superstore would have on Gunnison, and the lack of a "convening" mechanism for discussion of the issues.

Unfinished Business:

Input from Planning & Zoning Commission, and City Staff on Possible City Election Regarding Large-Scale Retail Development. Councilmembers asked to set a work session with the Planning & Zoning Commission to discuss issues relating to the education components of the moratorium, possible election, studies the Planning Commission feels need to be accomplished and other items the Planning Commission wants Council to address. City Clerk Davidson and Community Director Westbay will schedule a meeting, possible on Wednesday, October 13. Director Westbay reminded Council of the October 7th Planning Commission meeting that will include an hour of public input.

Ralph “Butch” Clark, came forward and gave Council information regarding economic studies he’s read. He’d like the City to learn from others’ expenditures.

New Business:

Set Possible Work Session Date for Discussion on Proposed Wildlife Commission Changes to Local Game Management Units. Wanda Brinks of the Citizens Taskforce for Responsible Game Management came forward and gave Council an update on the citizen meetings that have taken place.

Councilmember Simillion moved and Councilmember Duba seconded the motion to encourage local residents and business to contact the Colorado Wildlife Commission to let them know how the proposed changes will effect them and the community.

Roll call vote, yes: Smits, Duba, Simillion, Stone, Ferguson. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Action on Request in the Amount of \$2,200 for 2004 Additional Contracts Funds for GVEDC for Co-funding of Consultant’s Study on the Impact of Western State College on the Local Economy. This item was discussed at the Work Session prior to this Regular Session meeting.

Councilmember Stone moved and Councilmember Duba seconded the motion to approve \$2,200 from the 2004 Budget Additional Contracts line item to the Gunnison Valley Economic Development Corporation to co-fund a consultant’s study on the impact of Western State College on the local economy and to make the funds available contingent upon the GVEDC raising the remainder of the necessary funds.

Roll call vote, yes: Duba, Simillion, Stone, Ferguson, Smits. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Ordinance and Resolutions:

Resolution No. 3, Series 2004; Re: Recreation Program Scholarship Fund Donations.

Councilmember Stone introduced Resolution No. 3, Series 2004, and it was read in its entirety by the Mayor.

Councilmember Stone moved and Councilmember Simillion seconded the motion that Resolution No. 3, Series 2004, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, ACKNOWLEDGING AND THANKING DONORS TO THE CITY’S RECREATION PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP FUND**, be introduce, read, passed and adopted this 28th day of September, 2004.

Council thanked the following donors to the City Recreation Scholarship Fund: Daniel McKenna and the Wet Grocer, Vern & Carol Moter, T.L. Livermore, Dr. Jay McMurren, the Gunnison Rainbow Girls, the Gunnison Kiwanis Club, the Gunnison Rotary Club, and Payne Auction.

Roll call vote, yes: Simillion, Stone, Ferguson, Smits, Duba. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Ordinance No. 11, Series 2004, Re: Vacation of a Portion of Railroad Avenue and Portions of 14th Street and Boulevard Street Lying Adjacent to Block 15, Rio Grande Addition, 2nd Reading.

Councilmember Simillion introduced Ordinance No. 11, Series 2004, and it was read by title only by the City Attorney.

Councilmember Simillion moved and Councilmember Duba seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 11, Series 2004, **AN ORDINANCE VACATING THAT PORTION OF RAILROAD AVENUE AND PORTIONS OF 14TH STREET AND BOULEVARD STREET LYING ADJACENT TO BLOCK 15, RIO GRANDE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COUNTY OF GUNNISON, STATE OF COLORADO, AND RESERVING AN UNDERGROUND UTILITY EASEMENT THEREIN**, be introduced, read, passed and adopted on second reading this 28th day of September, 2004.

City Attorney Landwehr stated that implicit to the passage of this ordinance is approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Gunnison County. The County has already signed said agreement.

Roll call vote, yes: Stone, Ferguson, Smits, Duba, Simillion. So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

City Attorney: Nothing further at this time.

City Manager: Mark Collins. 1. CML meeting in Telluride tomorrow with Jim Gelwicks. 2. McPorts will be out next Thursday.

Acting City Manager: Dan Ampietro – Parks & Recreation Director. The Parks & Recreation Departmental report is in their packets. Director Ampietro thanked the other City departments for their assistance on the Community Center project.

City Clerk: Gail Davidson. Discussed possible dates on a valley-wide governmental meeting with the Tourism Authority.

WSC Intern: Matt Johnston. Reported on an opinion poll regarding large-scale retail development that he has distributed to WSC students. He will have results at a later meeting.

Non-Scheduled Citizens:

Ralph “Butch” Clark came forward. Mr. Clark gave Council more information on interactive meetings participation, meetings via computer, and information on big-box retail studies that have already been conducted. He will provide lists of other research studies to Council.

General Discussion/Items for Work Session:

Councilmember Simillion: Will be attending the Pioneer Society Appreciation breakfast.

Councilmember Duba: Attended the Region 10 retreat. He reported: the State is taking no action on TABOR and the Mineral Severance Tax may fluctuate. The Main Street Group is having a retreat this Thursday and Friday to determine their future.

Mayor Pro Tem Stone: Thanked WSC intern Matt Johnston for his initiative in getting students opinions on the big-box retail issue.

Councilmember Smits and Mayor Ferguson: Nothing further to report.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:34 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk